

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In the Abstract, beginning on page 28, line 2 of the Specification, please replace the entire text of the originally filed Abstract with the following:

“One object of the invention is to provide payment of a medal to the right person authenticated by the system. One embodiment includes medal keeping and paying apparatuses (1A, 1B) each comprising a medal keeping device (41), medal paying device (43), right person information inputting device (11), operation information storing device (65), right person information storing device, memory (63), and a processing section (21). The processing section outputs a payment signal to the medal paying device based on count information of the deposited medal stored in the operation information storing device, and controls the payment of the deposited medals. The processing section includes a network interface, and inputs, stores, and renews the count information of at least the medal keeping device and right person authorization information through the network interface, and the processing section can access the operation information storing device through the network interface.